

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF RAIN FED AGRICULTURAL AREA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken and resources made available for the development of rain fed agricultural area;
- (b) whether the existing and potential irrigation facilities have been developed and exploited effectively to enhance production; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The Government of India are implementing the following schemes for the development of rainfed agricultural area and some categories of degraded lands:

Schemes of Ministry of Agriculture

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA)
2. Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR)
3. Watershed Development Project for shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)

Schemes of Ministry of Rural Development

1. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)
2. Desert Development Programme (DDP)
3. Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP)

The achievements under these schemes up to the end of Ninth Plan and the first two years of the Tenth Plan (2002-03 and 2003-04) are given in the Annexure-I.

(b)&(c): Up to the end of Ninth Plan an irrigation potential of 93.81 million hectare has been created against which the potential utilized is 80.06 million hectare.